

# Olivet Presbyterian Church

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## The Session

Christopher W. Arnold	Roy G. Clinton, <i>Emeritus</i>	David R. Currence, <i>Emeritus</i>
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## The Diaconate

Brian J. Carlisle, <i>Widows &amp; Shut-ins</i>	Brent M. Christenberry, <i>Buildings &amp; Grounds</i>	James R. Clinton
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Larry M. Plyler, <i>Emeritus</i>	S. Douglas Cobb, Jr., <i>Emeritus</i>	

## The Women in the Church

Sandra Currence, <i>President</i>	Kathy Fairfax, <i>Nursery/Children's Church</i>	Susan Petty, <i>Secretary</i>
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Frankie Guempel, <i>Chair-Circle 2</i>		

## Our Missionaries

Peter and Diane Bakelaar ( <i>MTW-Japan</i> )	Brian Howard ( <i>RUFJ-Clemson Univ.</i> )
Garry and Anita Chambers ( <i>MTW-Caribbean</i> )	Sara Driggers ( <i>Wycliffe</i> )
Roger and Laura Dye ( <i>Family Life Global-Latin America</i> )	Debbie Richards ( <i>MTW-Japan</i> )

## Ministry Committees, 2023

### Discipleship Ministries Committee

Chris Arnold (2024), *Chairman*  
Jill Christenberry (2024)  
Rick Summerville (2026)

Brenda Nance (2023)  
Donna McArthur (2025)  
Kathy Fairfax (2025)

### Missions Committee

Bobby Mendenhall (2024), *Chairman*  
Brian Carlisle (2024)  
Jason Petty (2026)

Susan Petty (2023)  
Thomas Hardison (2025)  
Lori Rohrer (2025)

### Witness Committee

Michael Nance (2024), *Chairman*  
Daniel Harshaw (2026)  
Scharlie Carlisle (2026)

Laura Frame (2023)  
Katie Summerville (2024)  
Marsha Plyler (2026)



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McConnells, South Carolina

A member congregation of  
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The Lord's Day, April 9, 2023

Prelude Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Chip McArthur

\*Call to Worship Responsive Reading

*Leader:* "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; the Lord has risen!"

*Congregation:* **"He has risen indeed!"**

*Leader:* "The Lord has risen!"

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*Leader:* "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Death has been swallowed up in victory!"

*Congregation:* **"Christ has risen indeed!"**

*Leader:* "Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.'"

*Congregation:* **"Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."**

*Leader:* "The Lord has risen!"

*All:* **"He has risen indeed! Alleluia!"**

Hughes, R. Kent. *The Pastor's Book* (p. 122).  
Crossway. Kindle Edition.

\*Hymn 277 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Congregation

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn 296 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* Congregation

Scripture Mediation Mr. Austin Simpson

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

(Romans 5:6-8, ESV)

Corporate Confession of Sin Unison Reading

**Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have often not bowed before him, or**

**acknowledged his rule in our lived. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the Church, His body. In His name we pray. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Colossians 1:13-14, ESV)

Pastoral Prayer

His Tithes & Our Offerings

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Choral Offering *Unto My Lord Jehovah Said* Choir

Children's Message Mr. Simpson

(Children aged 3 to 5 years dismissed to Children's Church Program)

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Sermon "The Death of Death" Pastor McArthur

\*Hymn 276 *Up from the Grave He Rose* Congregation

\*Benediction

Now may the Savior,  
who died and rose  
and who reigns,  
grant you  
joy in the midst of labor,  
peace in the midst of troubles,  
hope in the midst of despair, and  
faithfulness in the midst of temptation. Amen

D. Ralph Davis

\*Offering of Praise 735 *The Gloria Patri* Congregation

\*Postlude

\*Those that are able, please stand.

*Today at Olivet - Easter*

7:00 am Sunrise Service  
Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Worship Service

Sunday School and evening ministries resume next week.

### *This Week at Olivet*

Wednesday Youth Group Meets, 6 pm  
Prayer Meeting at 7 pm in the Conference Room

**Saturday Spring Banquet honoring our senior citizens, 12 pm.**

### *Looking Ahead (Please mark your calendars!)*

**Next Sunday Deacons Meeting, 2 pm**  
**VBS Organizational Meeting, 4 pm (see below)**  
April 22 Fellowship Presbytery meets at Bullock Creek PCA, 9 a  
April 30 Olivet hosts Fifth Sunday Joint Worship Service, 6 pm  
June 4-8 Vacation Bible School at Olivet  
June 12-16 50<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PCA, Memphis, TN

### *New Members!*

Last Sunday evening the Session was pleased to welcome Billy and Barbara Williams, Pete and Barbara Lawson, and Logan Horton into Olivet’s communing membership. Please welcome them all to the family!

### *Vacation Bible School 2023*

Plans are in the works for this year’s **Vacation Bible School** now scheduled for **June 4-8 at Olivet**. Once again, we’ll be joining forces with McConnells First Baptist Church for this annual summer ministry to the community. An **organizational meeting for all VBS volunteers** is planned for Sunday afternoon, **April 16, at 4 pm**. Please mark your calendars. See Frankie Guempel for details.

### *Children's Ministry Need*

Additional volunteers are needed for Olivet’s Nursery and Children’s Church ministries. A Children’s Ministry volunteer must be at least 16 years old, a communing member of the church, and approved for the ministry by the Session. *Children’s Ministry Volunteer Forms* are available in the vestibule. See Kathy Fairfax for details.

### *Faith Promise for World Missions*

All of Olivet’s financial support for international missionaries comes through the annual Faith Promise Commitment. Since 1999, the Lord has been pleased to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars in missionary support through the Olivet Church family and Faith Promise giving.

What is a Faith Promise? A Faith Promise is a commitment to the Lord in which a believer promises, by faith, to give an amount of money over and above his or her regular tithes and offerings, as the Lord provides, to the world missions ministry of the church.

Please prayerfully consider making **a new Faith Promise Commitment for 2023**. Cards are available in the vestibule and may be submitted through the offering plate. They will be received through the month of April.

2022 Faith Promise pledged, April 30, 2022:	\$ 21,778.00
2022 Faith Promise received to date:	\$ 23,915.00
<b>New 2023 Faith Promise pledged to date:</b>	<b>\$16,350.00</b>
<i>Important:</i>	<i>All Faith Promise gifts received through April 30, 2023, will go toward the 2022 Faith Promise.</i>

### *Collection Duty*

April John Hawley, Michael Laws, Brent Christenberry  
May Don Johnson, Jamie Clinton, Malcolm Harshaw

### *Nursery Team*

Today (4/9) Abbey Sikes, Bryce Laws  
Next Sunday (4/16) Jane Harshaw, Gwen Carlisle

### *Children’s Church Team*

Today (4/9) Amanda Lenker (T), Toni Clinton  
Next Sunday (4/16) Scharlie Carlisle (T), Roy Clinton

### *Church Budget Matters*

Budget requirements to date \$ 54,446.14  
Receipts to date: \$ 60,185.81